

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

Technical Committee Minutes - March 26, 2008

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### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Those present were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Rick Fowler, MDOT; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Terry Moulthane, Bay City, and; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville.

### **Minutes from January 31, 2008 Tech meeting:**

It was moved by Gaydos, seconded by Moulthane, to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2008 meeting. Motion Passed.

### **Henry Street Funding:**

Engelhardt provided members with a handout/table outlining the Henry Street Project funding. Based on the figures provided to BCATS, there should be an overage of funds that can be reallocated to the Harrison Street Project. The exact total available is still not known and the Obligation Authority for FY2009 and FY2010 is unknown.

### **Harrison Street Project:**

Engelhardt discussed the status and award of Category A Grant funding for this project for \$238,488. However, based on the discussions of the funding of the Henry Street Project, it is undetermined how much STP funds will be available for the Harrison Street Project. Gaydos plans to put the project out for bid in 9/08 or 10/08 with a spring construction.

### **Marquette "S" Curve:**

Engelhardt discussed that BCATS gave a letter of support for the Marquette "S" Curve Safety Grant Project. Discussion ensued.

### **Two Mile/Wilder Road Project Letter of Support:**

Lillo explained that there was an upcoming safety project coming up for Two Mile/Wilder Road. The project will include new left turn phase at the signalized intersection. Lillo requested that BCATS give them a letter of support for this project.

A motion was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Majerczyk, to recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee that a letter of support be given for the Two Mile/Wilder Road Safety Grant Project. Motion Passed.

### **Ridge Road:**

Terry Spiegel, Hampton Township Supervisor, requested that Ridge Road be placed on the next BCATS Policy Meeting for discussion. This was presented as an informational item.

### **Center Avenue Heritage Route Trust:**

Engelhardt went to a Center Avenue Heritage Route Trust Meeting on March 25, 2008. The Center Avenue Heritage Route Trust Grant was granted in 2006. The project was in the 2006-08 TIP but was never obligated and is now obligated for 2008. Therefore, the project will have to be added to the TIP.

A motion was made by Majerczyk, seconded by Gaydos, to recommend to the BCATS Policy

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Committee that the TIP be amended to include the Center Avenue Heritage Route Trust Scenic Byways Grant Project. Motion Passed.

### **TIP Amendments:**

Engelhardt handed out a list of various projects that require amendments in order to properly reflect accurate funding information for MDOT. The following are the amendments changes that need to be approved:

- ◆ In the 2008 TIP the M-25 Streetscaping Project total should be \$1,030,618 with the following break-down: \$806,469 Federal STE (Enhancements), \$206,123 State and \$18,026 Local.
- ◆ In the 2008 TIP the I-75/US-10 Project total should be \$765,000 with the following break-down: \$626,153 Federal, and \$138,847 State.
- ◆ In the 2009 TIP the Independence Bridge Project total should be \$1,500,000 with the following break-down: \$1,425,000 Michigan Critical Structures (MCS), and \$75,000 Local.
- ◆ In the 2009 TIP the Liberty Bridge Project total should be \$1,500,000 with the following break-down: \$1,425,000 Michigan Critical Structures (MCS), and \$75,000 Local.
- ◆ In the 2009 TIP the Independence Bridge Project (Harry S. Truman Parkway) total should be \$350,000 with the following break-down: \$332,500 Michigan Critical Structures (MCS), and \$17,500 Local.
- ◆ In the 2008 TIP the Center Avenue Heritage Route/Wayfinding, Interpretive Signage & Walking Tour Brochure Project needs to be added at a project total of \$157,000 with the following break-down: \$125,000 Federal, and \$32,000 M Funds. The project was in the 2006-08 TIP but was never obligated and is now obligated for 2008.

A motion was made by Gaydos, seconded by Lillo, to recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to amend the TIP to reflect the various changes listed above on the attachment regarding the reflection of accurate funding information. Furthermore, it should be noted that the changes are "amendments as of April 16, 2008".

### **EPA March 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards:**

Engelhardt provided everyone with a handout of the EPA March 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards. He wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the changes taking place with air quality. The impacts with all the air quality changes will take place over the next 3-5 years. With such changes come various funding opportunities. This was presented as an informational item.

### **Clean Diesel Initiative:**

Engelhardt discussed that there is money available to change over diesel motors to make them more fuel efficient.

**Non-Motorized Efforts Update:**

Engelhardt discussed that Bay, Saginaw and Midland counties are ready to move forward to connect their trails. Phase one of this project has been completed. Preliminary funding is in place to begin Phase Two of this project. Phase Two will consist of right-of-way assessments and discussions with townships. MDOT is trying to get regional connectivity and this project will help with that effort. Engelhardt would like to see the non-motorized plans under this project placed in the Bay County Recreation Plan.

**Asset Management Reporting:**

Engelhardt presented this as an informational item stating that submission of data would not be due until April, 2008.

**Project Updates:**

The ***North Henry St Project*** is underway and is beginning with the sewer work. The ***Woodside Avenue Project*** is complete. However, Gaydos has noted locations on the road where a bad bond had occurred with the pavement. Therefore, the road will need to be re-milled to correct the problem. The ***Seven Mile Road Project*** should have the final bid by the end of the week. The ***Pine Road Project*** will start back up on April 14<sup>th</sup>, depending on the weather conditions. . The ***Christa McAuliffe Safe Routes to Schools Project*** is scheduled to be let in July, 2008 is will be administered by the Bay County Road Commission with MDOT doing the surveying and design.

**Other/New Business:**

***Salzburg Survey:***

A survey of Salzburg Road is being conducted now for road construction work in 2012.

***Independence Bridge Repair:***

The Independence Bridge has a hole in it that needs to be repaired by June 30, 2008. Currently the City of Bay City is looking at ways to fund this project.

As there was no other business, the March 26, 2008 meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt  
BCATS Director

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